

## **Representative Driehaus, Community Action Agency, Local Leaders Hail Positive Impact of Recovery Legislation**

*Weatherization Funding Will Support Thousands of Projects in Greater Cincinnati*

**CINCINNATI, OH—Representative Steve Driehaus today was joined by Gwen Robinson, President and CEO of the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency (CAA) and Cincinnati City Council-woman Laketa Cole to discuss the recent announcement of \$11.1 million in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) funding for weatherization projects throughout greater Cincinnati. Rep. Driehaus, Mrs. Robinson, and Councilwoman Cole held a press event this morning at CAA with Quinten L. Harris, Director of the Southwest Ohio Region of the Ohio Department of Development; Jeff Aluotto, Hamilton County Assistant Administrator; Chip Wood, Vice President, Duke Energy; and Andy Holzhauser, Project Manager, Cincinnati Energy Alliance. □**

The leaders underscored that the ARRA funding will not only save and create jobs throughout the First District, but will lead to lasting cost savings and energy efficiency through the weatherization of thousands of low- to moderate-income households.

“Since President Obama signed the recovery legislation into law three months ago, we have already seen critically important resources flowing into our community. This investment in weatherization is another example of how the recovery package is helping to save and create local jobs while supporting projects that help lay the groundwork for future growth in clean energy and infrastructure. I’m pleased to join with these local leaders who will put this funding to work where it is most needed,” said Rep. Driehaus.

"This is a great opportunity for Hamilton County. We're creating new jobs and new business opportunities while saving homeowners money by making their homes more efficient," said Mrs. Robinson.

ARRA funding will make a lasting economic impact through the saving and creation of jobs and increased purchasing from local businesses. At the same time, this investment will allow many Hamilton County families to take advantage of weatherization services at no cost. Home weatherization can result in a savings of 30 percent or more on energy bills, providing much needed assistance to families struggling during these difficult economic times.

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